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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT STRESS ORDER,
DISCIPLINE AND WORK AT INVESTITURE SPEECHES

SUMMARY: IN SPEECHES AT INVESTITURE OF SECOND PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BOTH PRESIDENT SPINOLA AND PM GONCALVES SHOWED THEMSELVES TO BE OF SIMILAR MIND ON FOLLOWING POINTS: NEED TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND CIVIL DISCIPLINE IN SOCIETY, AND FOR NATION TO TALK LESS AND WORK MORE; AGREEMENT THAT PROGRAM OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR RADICAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURAL CHANGES, WHICH MUST AWAIT DECISION OF PEOPLE IN FUTURE ELECTION; THAT MILITARY STAY OUT OF PARTY POLITICS, AND NOT LET PRIVATE POLITICAL VIEWS INTERFERE WITH NON-PARTISAN PURSUIT OF MFA GOALS. PM SOUGHT TO REASURE PRIVATE BUSINESS BY STATING NEW GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAS A LEGITIMATE ECONOMIC ROLE TO PLAY. GONCALVES ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT COUNCIL OF STATE "CLARIFICATION" OF THAT PART OF MFA PROGRAM DEALING WITH COLONIAL QUESTION, IN WHICH RIGHT OF OVERSEAS PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO INDEPENDENCE WAS FORMALLY INCORPORATED. PM SAID "CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS" MADE IN NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR AND REVEALED THAT PRESIDENT WILL MAKE ADDRESS TO NATION IN NEAR FUTURE ON OVERSEAS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEW GOVERNMENT JULY 18 BOTH PRESIDENT SPINOLA AND PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES MADE IMPORTANT SPEECHES WHICH REVEAL SIMILAR THOUGHTS
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ON NUMBER IMPORTANT AREAS, INCLUDING ROLE OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT IN POLITICAL LIFE AND NEED TO CREATE CLIMATE OF CALM, CONFIDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN NATION. PRESIDENT BEGAN HIS SPEECH BY CALLING ON EVERYONE TO TALK LESS AND WORK MORE IN ORDER TO BUILD A PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR NATION. PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE TIMES DEMAND ACTION, NOT RHETORIC. HE STRESSED NEED FOR DISCIPLINE, COHESION, AND HARMONY WITHIN

GOVERNMENT AND IN SOCIETY AS WHOLE AND SAID RESPECT FOR LAW AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS MUST BE GUIDING RULE. HE WARNED THAT HENCEFORTH ANARCHY WILL BE CONSIDERED A CRIME AGAINST SOCIETY. PRESIDENT SPINOLA ALSO MADE POINT THAT DEMOCRACY NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY. RESPONSIBILITY "PRESUPPOSES SOMEONE WITH ENOUGH POWER TO DEMAND AND FORCE RESPECT" FOR AND FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS. STATE MUST BE STRONG IF DEMOCRACY TO MAKE HEADWAY AGAINST THOSE WHO IRRESPONSIBLY SEEK TO DESTROY FREEDOM. THESE IRRESPONSIBLE PERSONS AND GROUPS, IN NAME OF CLASS DICTATORSHIP OR STATE SUPREMACY, MENACE NATION, AND THREAT MUST BE FACED "IN TIME" AND WITHOUT ILLUSIONS. "THE REVOLUTION WAS NOT MADE IN ORDER TO SUBSTITUTE ONE EXTREME FOR ANOTHER AT COST OF PORTUGUESE PEOPLE".

2. PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES BEGAN HIS SPEECH BY TELLING HIS NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT IT MUST ON PRIORITY BASIS CLARIFY POLICY LINES AND RULES OF GAME SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THEY STAND AND WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM. PM SPECIFICALLY REASSURED BUSINESS THAT "PRIVATE INITIATIVE (IS)...A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR MODERNIZATION AND PROGRESS OF PORTUGUESE ECONOMY". HE SAID HOWEVER THAT GOVERNMENT EXPECTS BUSINESS TO LIVE UP TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO NATION - IN TURN GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO REESTABLISH CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE WHICH BUSINESS REQUIRES TO PROSPER. SIGNIFICANTLY, FORMER ECONOMIC MINISTER VASCO VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT CEREMONY (NO OTHER OUSTED MEMBERS FIRST GOVERNMENT INVITED). WE INTERPRET THIS A DELIBERATE MOVE BY MFA AND SPINOLA TO REASURE NERVOUS BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT EVENTHOUGH ALMEIDA NOT IN NEW GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SLIGHT PRIVATE SECTOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH WHICH ALMEIDA MAINTAINS CLOSE LINKS, AND WHOSE CRUCIAL ROLE IN NATIONAL FUTURE HE HAS DEFENDED PUBLICLY IN PAST.

3. PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER BOTH PROMISED THAT PROGRAM OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT HENCEFORTH WILL BE SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWED. THAT PROGRAM CLEARLY STATES THAT NO PROFOUND OR REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATIONS IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY WILL BE CARRIED OUT DURING PERIOD PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN OFFICE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN MEASURES TO ACCELERATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS WILL NOT BE ADOPTED, SAID GONCALVES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO LEAST-FAVORED LEVELS OF SOCIETY. MFA PROGRAM FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO GUARANTEE PROGRESS WITHOUT NEED FOR RECOURSE TO RADICAL CHANGES

IN PREVAILING SYSTEM. GONCALVES REASSURED PEOPLE THAT
THEY, AND NOT MILITARY, WILL IN UPCOMING ELECTIONS
BE THE ONES TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT RADICAL STRUCTURAL
CHANGES WILL BE CARRIED OUT. GONCALVES EMPHASIZED
THAT ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUALLY THOSE IN THE MFA HAVE
THEIR OWN POLITICAL IDEAS, AS A WHOLE THE MFA
HAS ONLY ONE POLICY, THATWHICH IS CONTAINED IN MFA PROGRAM.

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4. PRIME MINISTER DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO COLONIAL PROBLEM, AND NOTED THAT COUNCIL OF STATE HAD RECENTLY REACHED DECISION "COMPLETING AND CLARIFYING" THAT PART OF MFA PROGRAM DEALING WITH PORTUGUESE OVERSEAS. ORIGINAL MFA PROGRAM STATED THAT POLICY TOWARDS OVERSEAS WOULD BE GUINDED BY PRINCIPLE OF "RECOGNITION THAT SOLUTION TO OVERSEAS' WARS IS POLITICAL, NOT MILITARY". AS A RESULT OF ITS DELIBERATIONS, COUNCIL OF STATE, SAID PM, HAS INTERPRETED LANGUAGE OF PROGRAM SUCH THAT GOP NOW "RECOGNIZES RIGHT OF PEOPLES (OF OVERSEAS PROVINCES) TO SELF-DETERMINATION, WITH ALL ITS CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE". (TEXT OF COUNCIL OF STATE DECISION NOT YET PUBLISHED).

5. ON OVERSEAS, PM SAID IT IMPORTANT ALWAYS TO MAINTAIN INITIATIVE AND NOT LET EVENTS OVERTAKE DECISION-MAKERS. GOAL IS "JUST PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION WITHOUT AMBIGUITIES AND WHICH DOES NOT LEAD TO NEOCOLONIAL SOLUTIONS". HE NOTED "CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS" MADE SO FAR AND "SOLUTIONS IN SIGHT", AND THAT PRESIDENT SPINOLA SHORTLY WILL MAKE ADDRESS TO NATION THAT "AT LEAST IN PART WILL SATISFY LEGITIMATE ANXIETIES".

COMMENTS:

6. SPINOLA BROKE LITTLE NEW GROUND IN HIS SPEECH AND MOST OF WHAT HE SAID HAD ALREADY BEEN SAID ELSEWHERE. SPEECH WAS, HOWEVER, TOUGH RESTATEMENT OF NEED FOR SOCIAL ORDER AND DISCIPLINE, AND OF FACT

THAT PARTIES SERVING FOREIGN ENDS (READ COMMUNIST) WILL
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NOT BE TOLERATED. PRESIDENT TOOK PAINS TO STRESS
THAT NEITHER HE NOR MFA ARE NOR SHOULD BE POLITICIANS,
BUT RATHER CITIZEN SOLDIERS CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTY
TO THEIR COUNTRY (SPINOLA: "I AM NOT NOR DO I DESIRE
TO BE A POLITICIAN - I AM ONLY A SOLDIER FULFILLING
ONE MORE MISSION IN SERVICE OF MY COUNTRY"). SPINOLA
APPARENTLY SEEKING BY SUCH WORDS TO REASSURE (A) THOSE
PERSONS WHO SEE RECENT RISE TO POWER OF MFA AS TURN
TO LEFT AND BOOST TO REVOLUTIONARIES; AND (B) THOSE
IN MILITARY WHO SUSPICIOUS THAT RECENT CRISIS
MASTERMINDED BY SPINOLA IN ABORTIVE ATTEMPT BY HIM TO
EMULATE DE GAULLE.

7. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES UNDOUBTEDLY EXISTS ON CERTAIN
ISSUED BETWEEN SPINOLA AND MFA, BY SUPPORTING STRICT
COMPLIANCE WITH SPIRIT AND LETTER OF MFA PROGRAM IN
THEIR SPEECHES, BOTH MEN EMPHASIZED AREAS OF AGREEMENT,
NOT FEW DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEM. MFA
PROGRAM IS WHAT UNITES NATION AT PRESENT. IT REPRESENTS
BARE MINIMUM WHICH ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS
CAN AGREE ON AND SUPPORT. LIKE THE BIBLE, THE MFA
PROGRAM IS UNLIKELY TO BE CHANGED OR FRONTALLY ATTACKED.
RATHER IT WILL BE INTERPRETED AND CLARIFIED IN LIGHT
OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS.
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